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## BRIGHT EDUCATORS NOW IN SESSION

### Eleventh Annual Meeting of Territorial Teachers Association

The eleventh annual session of the Teachers' association of Oklahoma is being held in the opera house in this city. The association was called to order at 8 o'clock last evening by the retiring president, Supt. Snider of Pawnee. The programme of the evening was a very interesting one, and the exercises were witnessed by a large and appreciative audience. The address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Guthrie was delivered by Mayor J. E. Ball, who in a very pleasing address delivered the keys of the city to the teachers of the territory. The response to the address of welcome was delivered by Prof. I. M. Holcomb, superintendent of the Oklahoma City schools. Prof. Holcomb's address was an able defense of education and the profession of teaching. He thinks that the personality of the teacher is a great factor, and that no teacher can successfully teach what he himself does not know. The annual president's address was delivered by Prof. N. E. Butcher of Edmond.

A very attractive feature of the evening was the excellent music rendered by those to whom this duty had been assigned. Miss Lena Berry of Pawnee, favored the audience with a piano solo. Dr. Hill of this city, gave a baritone solo and Mrs. Harry F. Ardery in a soprano solo made the impression of the evening.

The Guthrie Oratorio society, with Prof. Everett M. Wright as conductor, rendered very sweet music much to the delight of the large audience. Mr. Wallace Perry of Pawnee, was the first to sing in the medal contest which is to be carried along with the association.

The enrollment of teachers is the largest the association has ever had and the interest is good.

#### President's Annual Address.

Another year has passed into history and another year's work is done. Having completed our tasks a day or two before the end of the year we have time to take a long breath, straighten up our shoulders, put on our hats and run out to see our neighbors.

During the year we have been asked many questions. We have had many intricate problems to solve. We have had some things to try our patience, and some things to gladden our hearts. For the purpose of exchanging ideas in the discussion of questions interesting to us all, of finding out something of what our neighbors have been doing, and, too, for the pleasure of visiting and greeting each other, we have met in this the eleventh annual Teachers' association in Oklahoma territory.

By good fortune our lot as teachers has been cast in beautiful, resourceful Oklahoma. If geographical position, and climatic conditions influence the civilization and spiritual development of a commonwealth, certainly Oklahoma's history is destined to be unique. Cicero said:

"The gods piled up the Alps to keep the barbarians out of Italy."

While the Alps served this purpose they lent their influence toward giving Italy a delightful climate. We don't need the Alps to keep away barbarians, and we have a climate without them. It has been said that the "New Englanders, ever since they were seated by Providence on its barren shores" have had "a pardonable desire to live elsewhere." But people who have come to Oklahoma have come to stay and have no desire to live elsewhere. It has also been said that Oklahoma is bounded on the north by the Arroyo Bonobis; this must be Kansas with her great wheat fields and all her idiosyncrasies. On the south by the equator, this is Texas with her deep cotton fields, her broad pastures and her cowboys. On the east by the rising sun; this means Arkansas and Missouri, with

their pine forests, mineral laden hills, and men of far famed lineage. On the west by the day of judgment; Beaver county extends so far west that we can't tell what this may mean. While Oklahoma is thus bounded naturally, her people are not Kansas people, nor Texas people, nor yet people from Arkansas. The people of Oklahoma are a cosmopolitan people, a people whose minds by oft contact with people from other states and territories, are versatile and polished.

Oklahoma is known from Maine to California, and from Minnesota to Florida. The sons and daughters of every state in the union have come here to make their homes. Twelve years ago Oklahoma was a vast camping ground. A broad expanse of prairie dotted with dugouts, and traversed by cow-paths. The coyotes howled from the thickets in the hollows, and the owls sat among the prairie dog holes. All this is changed now and today Oklahoma is a mighty commonwealth, loved at home and honored and respected abroad.

Within its borders 135,000 boys and girls are growing and developing into a strong, vigorous, virile manhood, and a pure, refined, cultured womanhood. Their activity is quickened by the rapid unfolding of the sources of wealth, and the opening of new fields of labor. Their minds are trained, strengthened and broadened by the strenuous efforts of a corps of over three thousand teachers, highly sensitive to the responsibility they assume in the education of the children, and the young men and young women of Oklahoma. This work is being done in the 2,600 district schools, the 25 high schools, the 20 colleges and academies, and 7 territorial institutions.

The responsibility of maintaining the standard of excellence attained by these schools and of fostering their growth which is just now so vigorously started rests upon the educators and those interested in the schools of Oklahoma. This responsibility is divided between the teachers and the school officers. If the teacher acts his part intelligently; if the officer performs his duty honestly, Oklahoma's schools, so admirably founded and so wisely provided for will not be limited in future development and usefulness. Oklahoma is endowed with the richest school fund of any state or territory in the United States. It has been wisely husbanded and well used. This fund is the guarantee of the present and the hope of the future for the schools of Oklahoma. It not only stimulates the spirit of education for the present but gives promise of a future with a splendor yet little comprehended, and the question of its conservation interests every citizen in the territory.

The first territorial institutions were founded when the counties of Oklahoma numbered but seven. As more counties have been added so more schools have been founded until now there are seven institutions of higher education in Oklahoma.

Growth has characterized every branch of education. People came into Oklahoma on the run and it seems that this spirit has been infused into the schools. The value of an education is everywhere recognized. To have a broad knowledge of the world of life and its purposes is education, to enjoy life, to fulfill its purposes and to understand nature is the aim of education.

Nowhere, it seems to me, are there more opportunities for educated young men and women to find employment than in Oklahoma. I understand that we talk most about an education from an ethical and cultured viewpoint. But its usefulness recommends it most and it is in this view of it that we urge when talking to students about going to school and about

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## CHRISTMAS FIGHT IN A COUNTRY CHURCH

### In Mix-up of Revolvers and Knives Six Persons Are Wounded

(By Associated Press.)  
Piketon, O., Dec. 26.—Six men were fatally wounded in a general fight at a small country church at Pike post-office last night and a panic took place among the worshippers. A series of religious matters was in progress at the church and the building was filled when Charles and Orin Day appeared, slightly intoxicated and announced they had "come to clean out" the Leggs, a family with which the Days had had frequent quarrels. A general

fight resulted in the church and around it. Women and children sought safety from revolvers and knives by jumping out of the windows. Only the minister, Mr. Rowe, remained. At the close, six men lay fatally hurt, Charles and Orin Day, Wesley Legg, Joseph Williams, John Curran and Lebanon Williams. Physicians were called from Piketon and Idaho to attend the wounded and the sheriff notified. Many others were injured slightly.

## CUPID CREATES CHRISTMAS CAPERS

### Early Morning Wedding of Mr. George Sendlebach and Mrs. Craig

George Sendlebach and Mrs. May Craig were married yesterday morning at 5 o'clock at the residence of Mr. John Schmidt, brother of the bride, the Rev. W. C. Miles officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by members of the family and a couple of intimate friends. Following the ceremony the bride couple took the early morning north bound Santa Fe train, their destination being California where they will spend a month's honeymoon.

Mr. Sendlebach is one of the proprietors of the Fair Department store, and his fair bride was an employee.

Elks, Attention.  
Regular meeting of Guthrie lodge, No. 426, B. P. O. Elks at club rooms Friday night. Initiation. Every member must be present.  
By order of Exalted Ruler.

Elks' cocktail at the Royal bar.

#### Full Limits For Roundup Bales.

Cotton like every other commodity is sold to the buyer that will pay the most money. The American Cotton company does not expect to get cotton unless it meets competition. The constantly growing demand at the mills means a broad and steady market for every roundup bale made, which enables square bale firms to buy roundup bales at the gin and handle them with profit. The American Cotton company is perfectly willing that they should do so and it realizes that if it does not pay full limits other buyers will. As the roundup premium pays the baling charge it costs the grower nothing to have his cotton put up in roundup bales. The advantage to the producer in putting his cotton into roundup bales is easily demonstrated by a simple calculation.

#### DEATHS.

The baby of Charise Vance died last night. The body was taken to Winfield for burial.

Mrs. Johnson died last night.  
Mr. Howe, east of town, died last night.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY  
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Pipes and smoking tobacco, all kinds, at Olamith's.

## NEGRO CENTENARIAN BURNED TO DEATH

### Police Scout the Idea That Foul Play Was Committed

The charred body of an aged negro, whom nobody seems to know except as "Owens," was found by the firemen this morning in the ruins of a burned shack on West Harrison avenue.

The alarm of fire was turned in about 2:30 o'clock this morning and by the time the firemen arrived nothing was left of the shack but a few blazing joists. In grappling the firehooks to pull down these joists one of the firemen discovered the body lying in the narrow space between the stove and where the side of the shack had been. The stove was full of fire and the theory is that the old negro,

who claimed to be 108 years of age, was overcome with weakness, and fell, knocking over the stove and setting fire to the shack.

A story was afloat today that the man had been murdered and the shack set afire to conceal the crime, but this story is refuted by the police who assert that Owens was a county charge, hence robbery could not have been a motive.

On the other hand an employee of the Harvey eating house at the Santa Fe depot, says that just after the blaze was first noticed he saw a man running from the shack toward the river.

## BACHELOR MAIDS GIVE CHRISTMAS DANCE

### And Outdo the Men in the Way of Entertainment

The "Bachelor Girls" of local social circles held forth last night at Cassidy hall and, incidentally, covered themselves with glory as entertainers. The young men fortunate enough to receive invitations played the role of the shy young lady. The bachelor girls planned the dance, made all the arrangements, managed the floor, instructed the musicians and—asked for the dances. The gentlemen had the asking of but one number—the gentlemen's choice. The maids sent favors to their escorts, then taking carriages "went for their company."

In the ball room the young men were not allowed to cross the floor alone. They were obliged to submit to the favor or caprices of the maids, who selected the dances, called for their partners and the dance finished, escorted them to seats. After the dance, carriages were resumed and the young men were whisked away to the Royal Cafe, the Astoria, or Campbell's for luncheon, after which they were taken home. The young men enjoyed it no more! So did the girls. In fact, everyone present had a royally good time—or, at least should have done so. The hall was brilliantly decorated and illuminated. The grand march was a dream and the gowns of the ladies were surpassingly pleasing creations.

The Aeolian Mandolin club furnished the music and twenty-four numbers were danced. The young ladies managed the affair and made it the best directed and most enjoyable society event held in the city for many years. The chaperones were resplendent in handsome toilets and carried out their part of the program with pleasing esprit.

Those present were:  
Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Billingsley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Hayghurst, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar N. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crossland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Greer.

Maids: and Mesdames C. M. Barnes, J. C. Foster, C. E. Billingsley, J. W. McNeal, Frank B. Lucas, R. Y. Smith, S. K. Van Vorhes, Fred Byers, M. L. West, F. H. Greer, J. J. Houston, Chas. Greer, L. B. Kimball, J. B. Levy, J. J. Bales, J. Stuart McKay, F. C. Delcater, W. B. Crossland, C. R. Hayghurst, R. C. Wilder, Edgar Powers.

Mesdames Geo. Billingsley, Sue McConnell, Charles Griffith, C. C. Knallevy, Bird B. McGuire, Russell Briggs, Mircea Bessie Graves, Nora J. Conroy, Edith Grissell, Jessica Alrough, Bernardino Conroy, Lillian Bales, Katherine Schnell, Bessie Palmer, Lila Briggs, Anna Hutchinson, Pearl Hutchinson, Mabel Rinehart, Jennie Rinehart, Mabel Painter, Ruth Brooks, Louise Brooks, Lena Cross,

Noma Holman, Lillian Reynolds, Ione Coyle, Jennie Sampel, Amy Brooks, Ida Niblack, Helen Glenn, Nellie Kimball, Nellie Overbay, Pearl Rhodes, Lena Hunter, Ruth Dungan, Mahel Lovell, Adelle Kessler, Hedwig Braun, Mattie Tyler, Ethel McNeal, Florence Adler, Anna Bedeochimer, Rose Bodenschlager, Zula Leavitt, Lizzie McNeal, Mary Bamford, Lillian Thompson, Louisa Houston, Mary McGinley, Essie Cassidy, Inogene Green, Caddie Kennedy, Nellie Cheek, Bertha Schopf, Blanche Ball, Ella Mary Oakes, Louisville, Ky.; LaVerne McKeever, Oklahoma City.

Means, Ralph Brown, Windell, N. D. Lloyd, New York; R. A. Brown, Windell; Ed Kline, Norman; M. Jeffries, Harry Collinson, Arkansas City; John W. Savage, Beaver; L. G. Niblack, Clyde McConnell, Wallace Kneisley, Fred Rhodes, W. H. Patterson, Wallace Poland, W. H. Phelps, Ben Kaufman, Frank Lyon, Frank Burford, J. H. Edmondson, Roy Winton, Burns Hepler, Geo. H. Willis, Paul Foster, Arthur King, Enoch Bamford, Miner Sloan, L. W. Rejahl, Sam Smith, William Brooks, Carl Metcalf, Frank McGuire, Will Patterson, Willard Lindwall, Willard Kimball, Melville Carter, Roscoe Piety, Henry Thompson, Bert Maine, C. H. Woods, J. J. Hunter, O. R. Graves, Chas. Farrow, Guy Tingle, Henry Braun, Winter Pitt, Leon Gilbert, Elmer McGinley, Orville Farquharson, Hayden Farquharson, Shannon McGinley, Lloyd Bamford, Dr. Hirsch, Dr. Reader, Will McGinley, Geo. Green, Harry Leas, Chas. E. Booth.

The Farmer and the Roundup Bale.  
Under his new management the business of the American Cotton company is being vigorously pushed. The Southern farmer is fast coming to see that his interests and those of the American Cotton company lie in the same direction. Every unnecessary expense in marketing cotton is that much taken out of the farmer's pocket, and every dollar he saves by having his cotton put up in roundup bales is that much added to his profits. The American Cotton company's interest lies in enabling the producer to build to have as much cotton as possible. In order to secure this result it is essential that cotton growers shall continue to find advantage in the use of these bales. There is no requirement that a single bale of cotton be sold to the American Cotton company; Roundup bales, with all of their advantages, can be bought in open competition by any responsible buyer and handled through to the mills, but whenever the ordinary cotton buyer declines to purchase roundup bales on this basis the American Cotton company stands ready to buy them.

The farmer who hauls his seed cotton to a roundup gin may retain as complete control over it as if he took it to an old-style gin. He can sell his cotton with or without the seed, or he can have it cotton ginned (ginned or baled) the seed and hold his roundup bales until he is ready to sell, with the assurance that they are always salable at the full market value of roundup cotton. The American Cotton company makes liberal advances on held roundup bales.



LOTTIE BLAIR PARKER, A TALENTED WOMAN DRAMATIST.

As the author of two successful dramas now being produced in New York, Lottie Blair Parker may be said to have fully arrived. One of her plays is "We, Down East," and the other is called "Under Southern Skies."